

East Steps Form Work Continues After Evaluation

Photos, top right: This week, the construction site is readied for workers to move ahead with the building of wooden forms which precedes the laying of steel rebar and, following inspections, the eventual pouring of concrete for the East Steps replacement project. Bottom photo: Progress of work area can be seen from this photo taken a few weeks ago.



After further evaluation by construction officials and architects, workers continued this week the building of the wooden forms as part of the East Steps Replacement project of the Capitol Restoration.

Last week, work activity slowed when new conditions were uncovered in the underlying support infrastructure of the steps, following removal of the old concrete from the area. According to **Joe Rutledge**, Field Representative, Division of Public Works, the discovery of the previously unknown conditions, means the steps will now be formed back to the most recent height, a change from their original location.



"Carpenters are on site this week to finish up the wooden forms and once the beams are completed, the rebar is placed and inspected, the concrete is poured and allowed to set-up," Rutledge added. This process will take place over the next several weeks. Masonry experts continue to study color samples of the exterior stonework; and the old mortar around masonry joints is being replaced with new sealant. A temporary roof structure has been constructed to protect the work in progress on the steps in case of inclement weather.

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